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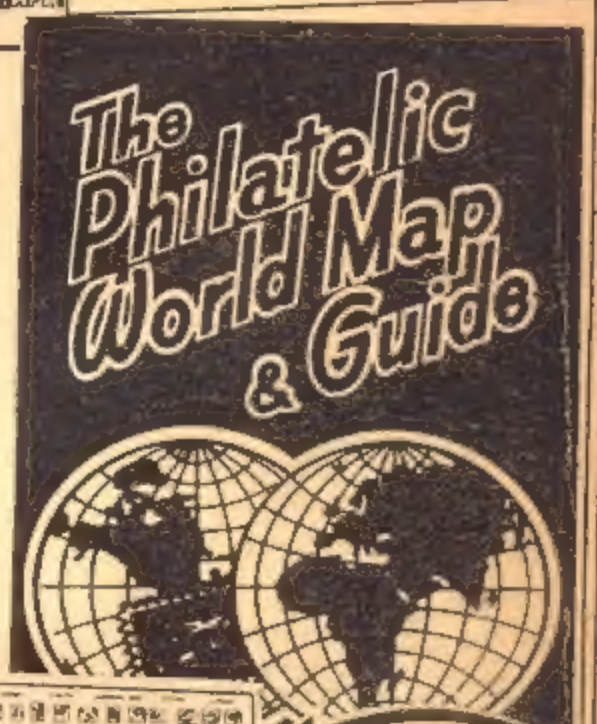

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BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

THE PEOPLE CAME FROM FAR AND NEAR, BEARING GIFTS FOR THAT GREAT CHAMPION OF THE LAW-- **BATMAN.** BUT, TO EVERYONE'S DISMAY, **BATMAN** SEEMED TO MOCK THEIR GENEROSITY BY DELIBERATELY SMASHING THEIR TOKENS OF ESTEEM! WHY? SEE IF YOU CAN SOLVE THE SECRET OF--

THE BROKEN BATMAN TROPHIES

WHY IS **BATMAN** SMASHING THAT STATUETTE OF HIMSELF?

I MUST BREAK THIS TROPHY!

CRASH!

BOB KANE

IN GOTHAM CITY, TO CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL **BATMAN DAY,** THE LOCAL TV STATION BEGINS A COAST-TO-COAST SPECTACULAR...

THIS IS BRUCE WAYNE, A CLOSE FRIEND OF **BATMAN** WHO HAS WORKED WITH HIM ON MANY CASES! I GUESS YOU KNOW **BATMAN** AS WELL AS ANYONE, MR. WAYNE!

THAT'S TRUE!

IT SHOULD BE--SINCE I AM SECRETLY **BATMAN!**

AS BRUCE SPEAKS OF **BATMAN'S** PAST CASES, THE INEVITABLE QUESTION COMES...

MR. WAYNE, AT TIMES YOU WERE THOUGHT TO BE **BATMAN!** WHAT ABOUT THAT?

BATMAN HAS DISPROVED THAT THEORY OFTEN! **BATMAN'S** SECRET IDENTITY IS STILL HIS OWN SECRET!

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SUDDENLY, THE TV AUDIENCE SEES A BOOM ACCIDENTALLY FALL AND...

LATER, BRUCE HURRIES TO HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, IN A DESERTED DRESSING ROOM...

MOMENTS LATER, IN ANOTHER STUDIO AT THE TV STATION, BATMAN IS BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR BEFORE GOING ON THE AIR...

THEN, THE SPECIAL TV PROGRAM CONTINUES WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A VISITING MONARCH...

RAJAH VISHTI IS HERE TO TELL HOW HE FIRST MET BATMAN...
IT HAPPENED MANY MONTHS AGO WHEN I CAME TO YOUR COUNTRY TO VISIT A SPORTSMEN'S EXHIBITION...

"WHILE I WAS ADMIRING THE HUNTING RIFLE EXHIBIT, TWO HOODED MEN SUDDENLY SPRANG FROM HIDING..."

"BATMAN, WHO WAS VISITING THE EXHIBIT, HEARD MY CRY AND ORDERED ALL EXITS CLOSED..."

I DON'T SEE THE HOODED MEN ANYWHERE!
THEY MUST HAVE SHED THOSE HOODS AND ARE MINGLING WITH THE CROWD! THE QUESTION IS-- HOW TO PICK THEM OUT!

"AS **BATMAN** CAREFULLY SCANNED THE VISITORS..."

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE TIME I WAS STALKING A LION, WHEN SUDDENLY I HEARD A FRIGHTENED ZEBRA WHINNYING...

BIG GAME SECTION

FOR YOUR INFORMATION-- ZEBRAS DO **NOT** WHINNY LIKE HORSES! THEY BARK-- LIKE DOGS!

HE'S WISE TO US!

"THE OTHER BANDIT TRIED TO ESCAPE WITH MY DIAMOND, BUT **BATMAN** BROUGHT HIM DOWN..."

NOTHING LIKE A YAQUERO'S BOLAS FOR LASSOING ANYTHING ON THE RUN!

SOUTH AMERICAN BOLAS THROWER

NOW, IN GRATITUDE, I WISH TO PRESENT **BATMAN** WITH THIS INDIAN SWORD MADE OF THE FINEST MADAGASCAR STEEL!

THE CAMERA MOVES IN FOR A CLOSEUP...

OH-- I DROPPED IT!

AS THE STEEL BITES THROUGH THE CABLE RUBBER AND SHORT-CIRCUITS THE WIRE, THE SPOTLIGHT WINKS OUT AND **BATMAN'S** FACE CAN HARDLY BE SEEN ON THE DIM TV SCREEN...

OH, WELL, I GUESS **BATMAN** MUST BE KIND OF NERVOUS!

IT'S ONLY NATURAL! I'D BE NERVOUS, TOO, IF THEY NAMED A DAY AFTER ME!

I'M SORRY, BUT I'M AFRAID I RUINED THE BLADE!

THE PROGRAM RESUMES WITH ANOTHER GUEST TO HONOR **BATMAN**--JUDGE ALBERT HAGEN...

ABOUT A YEAR AGO, AFTER I REFUSED TO PAROLE A VICIOUS CRIMINAL NAMED LEFTY REED, HE BROKE JAIL AND THREATENED TO KILL ME!

"I WAS GIVING A MASQUERADE PARTY THAT NIGHT, SO **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** WERE UNSUSPECTED AS THEY MINGLED WITH MY GUESTS..."

WE'LL NEVER SPOT LEFTY REED IN THIS CROWD! LET'S GET UP HIGH, SO WE CAN LOOK OVER EVERYONE AT ONCE!

"FROM THE TOP FLOOR OF MY HOME, THEY WERE ABLE TO OBSERVE ALL MY GUESTS..."

LOOK, **ROBIN**-- THAT "PILGRIM"!

BUT THAT CAN'T BE LEFTY REED! HE'S USING HIS RIGHT HAND FOR EVERYTHING!

"BUT **BATMAN** NEVER STOPPED WATCHING THAT MAN, AND WHEN HE SAW HIM HIDE BEHIND A SHRUB, **BATMAN** ACTED!"

"HIS AMAZING ACROBATIC FEAT BROUGHT HIM ATOP THE "PILGRIM" WHO WAS JUST ABOUT TO AMBUSH ME WITH HIS MUSKET!"

NOBODY INVITED YOU TO THE PARTY, LEFTY!

BLAM

BUT I USED MY RIGHT HAND ALL THE TIME! WHERE DID I SLIP UP?

A RIGHT-HANDED MAN ALWAYS HAS HIS BELT BUCKLE FACING RIGHT--BUT YOURS IS FACING **LEFT!**

NOW, AS A TOKEN OF MY ESTEEM, **BATMAN**... MAY I PRESENT YOU WITH THIS STATUETTE OF YOURSELF!

AS THE CAMERA DOLLIES IN FOR A CLOSEUP, **BATMAN** SEEMS TO TRIP AND...

OOPS! SORRY!

LOOK OUT! IT'S HITTING THE SPOTLIGHT!

SNAP

THE IMPACT SWIVELS THE SPOTLIGHT SO THAT ITS DAZZLING LIGHT GLARES INTO THE CAMERA LENS, SPOILING THE TV PICTURE...

HOW COULD **BATMAN** BE SO CLUMSY?

ANYONE WOULD THINK HE WAS PRETENDING TO BE CLUMSY SO HE COULD BREAK THOSE GIFTS DELIBERATELY!

HASTILY, THE WORRIED ANNOUNCER INTRODUCES THE NEXT GUEST...

NOW-- CAPTAIN HOBART OF THE HARBOR POLICE!

NOT LONG AGO, OUR HARBOR WAS PLAGUED BY MYSTERIOUS RIVER PIRATES WHO APPEARED AND DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE!

"BUT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** CEASELESSLY PATROLLED THE RIVER IN THEIR **BAT-PLANE**, AND ONE NIGHT..."

A SMALL **TWO-MAN SUB!**

TAKE THE CONTROLS, **ROBIN**... AND BRING THE **BAT-PLANE** LOW!

"MOMENTS LATER, WEARING A **FROGMAN** OUTFIT, **BATMAN** PLUNGED INTO THE RIVER'S CHILL WATER..."

TEARING UP SEA-WEED, **BATMAN** WOUND THE TOUGH STRANDS ABOUT THE SUB'S PROPELLER SHAFT, FOULING IT..."

THEY'LL HAVE TO SURFACE NOW AND SURRENDER TO THE HARBOR POLICE **ROBIN** HAS SUMMONED!

NOW, THE HARBOR PATROL WISHES TO PRESENT **BATMAN** WITH THIS MODEL SCENE SYMBOLIC OF HIS WORK IN THAT CASE!

AS THE CAMERA MOVES IN FOR THE CLOSEUP...

OHH!

CRACK

OH, NO--NOT AGAIN!

WATER, CASCADING OVER THE LENS, DISTORTS THE TV PICTURE SO THAT **BATMAN** IS ALMOST UNRECOGNIZABLE...

HENRY, THAT WAS NO ACCIDENT!

I THINK THAT'S AN IMPERSONATOR, TRYING TO GET EVEN WITH THE REAL **BATMAN** BY BREAKING **BATMAN'S** GIFTS!

IS THAT REALLY **BATMAN**? IF SO, THEN WHY IS **BATMAN** SMASHING HIS GIFTS? CAN YOU GUESS?

MAY I BE EXCUSED FOR A FEW MOMENTS? I--I SEEM TO BE A LITTLE SHAKY!

THAT'S AN UNDERSTATEMENT!

IN THE PRIVACY OF A DRESSING ROOM, **ROBIN** GOES SWIFTLY TO WORK...

I HAD TO SMASH THOSE GIFTS--TO RUIN ANY CLOSEUP OF THE CUT ON MY FACE! THE TV AUDIENCE WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED IT AS BEING THE SAME ONE ON BRUCE WAYNE, AND GUESSED MY SECRET IDENTITY!

AFTER I COVER THE CUT WITH MAKEUP, HOW WILL YOU EXPLAIN YOUR STRANGE ACTIONS TO THE TV AUDIENCE?

LATER...

FOLKS, I CAN'T GO INTO DETAILS, BUT I DID WHAT I DID TO PROTECT THE CAREER OF SOMEONE I KNOW WELL!

HE MUST MEAN **ROBIN**! HE DID IT TO PROTECT **ROBIN**!

GENTLEMEN, YOUR GIFTS MEAN MORE TO ME NOW THAN IF THEY WERE INTACT-- BECAUSE BY BEING BROKEN THEY SERVED A GOOD CAUSE!

AND SO, IN THE FAMED **BAT-CAVE**, THREE BROKEN TROPHIES ARE DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY, FOR THEY SERVED TO SAVE THE CAREER OF SOMEONE **BATMAN** KNOWS WELL...

...THAT SOMEONE BEING **BATMAN** HIMSELF!

THE END.

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MONDAY...

COME ON, PETE, LET'S GO IN WITH BINKY AND THE REST OF THE CROWD!

NAAA--IT'S TOO HOT!

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

SEE SUMMER EXHIBIT OF SCIENTIFIC WONDERS

TUESDAY...

GOSH, BINKY IS HAVING FUN WITH HIS PART-TIME JOB. MAYBE WE COULD--

NAAA--IT'S NOT WORTH IT!

WEDNESDAY...

HI, PETE. COMING IN WITH US?

NAAAA--TOO NOISY!

THURSDAY...

UBLIC LIBRARY

WHY DON'T WE GET A GOOD BOOK TO READ, PETE?

NAAAA--WHO WANTS TO READ?

FRIDAY...

HEY, PETE--MY MOTHER'S DRIVING OVER TO THE BEACH. WANT TO COME ALONG?

NAAAA--TOO MUCH TROUBLE!

GOSH, SUMMER'S NO FUN WHEN YOU HAVE TO STAY HOME. NOTHING TO DO IN THIS OLD TOWN!

DON'T BE LIKE PETE. THERE'S SUMMER FUN IN YOUR OWN HOME TOWN! LOOK FOR IT AND YOU'LL FIND IT!

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CASEY
THE COP
WANT A LIFT, CASEY?
IT ISN'T MUCH OF A CAR, BUT IT GOES!
IT HAS NO SPEEDOMETER. HOW DO YOU KNOW HOW FAST YOU'RE GOING?
OH, THAT'S EASY. WHEN I GET TO DRIVING 15 MILES AN HOUR MY FENDERS START TO RATTLE; AT 25 THE DOORS RATTLE -
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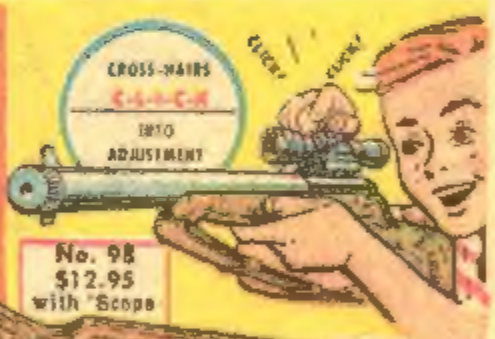

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BATMAN AND ROBIN

IN ADDITION TO FIGHTING FOR LAW AND ORDER, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** HAVE ALWAYS BEEN KNOWN FOR THEIR SENSE OF JUSTICE AND FAIR PLAY! SO IT'S NO SURPRISE WHEN THEY JOIN A MOVEMENT TO HELP THE VERY MEN THEY ONCE HELPED TO SEND TO JAIL! BUT THE SURPRISES COME LATER--AS FAST AS THE THRILLS--IN THE STORY OF **BATMAN** AND--

THE LEAGUE OF EX-CONVICTS

HELP the EX-CONVICT REHABILITATE HIMSELF! BATMAN WANTS YOU TO GIVE 'EM JOBS!

BOY! IS **BATMAN** GONNA REGRET THE DAY HE TRIED TO HELP THOSE JAILBIRDS! HA-HA!

BOB KANE

ONE MORNING, IN THE **BAT-CAVE** HIDDEN BENEATH THE PALATIAL HOME OF MILLIONAIRE BRUCE (**BATMAN**) WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK (**ROBIN**) GRAYSON...

AS SOON AS WE UNCRATE THIS NEW ELECTRONIC MICROSCOPE, WE'LL GET INTO OUR UNIFORMS, DICK I PROMISED ED STINSON I'D CALL ON HIM..

STINSON. ISN'T HE THE EX-CONVICT WHO JUST OPENED AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY?

YES. HIS AGENCY WILL SPECIALIZE IN PLACING REFORMED EX-CONVICTS ONLY. IT'S A SORELY NEEDED ENTERPRISE IN GOTHAM CITY...

I CAN SEE WHY. MOST PEOPLE HATE TO HIRE AN EX-CONVICT. YET LOTS OF THEM HAVE LEARNED THEIR LESSON AND MAKE EXCELLENT EMPLOYEES!

SOON AFTER ..

I SEE THE TELEVISION PEOPLE ARE HERE ALREADY! I ARRANGED A TV INTERVIEW FOR STINSON -- HE NEEDS THE PUBLICITY!

THEN, AS THE LAMMEN ENTER THE STINSON EMPLOYMENT AGENCY...

SHHH, ROBIN! HE'S ON CAMERA...

THE EX-CONVICT NEEDS HELP! IN THIS STATE, HE CANNOT APPLY FOR A CIVIL SERVICE JOB. HE CANNOT EVEN GET A JOB DRIVING A TAXI OR A TRUCK, BECAUSE HE IS PROHIBITED FROM OWNING A CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSE!

STINSON EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

AND AS THE STINSON INTERVIEW CONTINUES, IT CATCHES THE EYE OF A GOTHAM CITY BUSINESS MAN NAMED RALPH BELLOWS...

MANY EX-CONVICTS COME OUT OF PRISON WITH REAL SKILLS. WE HAVE WELL-TRAINED MACHINISTS, MECHANICS, PRINTERS, LIBRARIANS, WELDERS, BOOKKEEPERS, ETC...

JUST A MOMENT, MISS WILLIAMS. I WANT TO SEE MORE OF THIS!

NATURALLY, WE HAVE SCREENED OUR APPLICANTS VERY CAREFULLY. FOR THE MOST PART, THEY ARE MEN WHO COMMITTED MINOR CRIMES AND ARE ANXIOUS TO ATONE FOR THEIR MISTAKES!

THAT'S SO. I'M IMPRESSED! MISS WILLIAMS, TAKE A MEMO! WE NEED ANOTHER BOOKKEEPER HERE. CALL MR. STINSON AND MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS!

MR. ED STINSON!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT STINSON'S OFFICE.

BATMAN, THAT TV INTERVIEW WAS A GREAT IDEA! THE PHONES ARE RINGING ALREADY!

THE BAT-SIGNAL! SORRY ED--WE'VE GOT TO MOVE! THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU! COME ON, ROBIN!

WWGC TV

MOMENTS LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS

SOME TROUBLE DOWN AT THE **NORTH DOCK, BATMAN!** BETTER HOP TO IT!

RIGHT!

AND AS THE **BATMOBILE** RACES TO THE NORTH DOCK..

THERE THEY ARE! THEY'RE RAIDING THE FISHING FLEET!

GET SET, **ROBIN!** WE'VE GOT TO DISARM THOSE TWO GUNMEN FIRST!

THAT'S BETTER! NOW TO MOP UP AROUND HERE!

BUT THEN, AS **ROBIN** INADVERTENTLY GETS TANGLED WITH THE ANCHOR ROPE...

ROBIN! THAT CROOK HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF HIS BAD LUCK..

IN AN INSTANT, **BATMAN** DIVES OVERBOARD TO **ROBIN'S** RESCUE! BUT THEN...

TOO TANGLED TO UNRAVEL! MUST CUT THE ROPE HERE AND FREE HIM FROM THE ANCHOR! BUT MY POCKET-KNIFE'S TOO SMALL! AND IF I DON'T ACT QUICKLY, **ROBIN'LL** DROWN!

THEN, BEFORE **BATMAN'S** HORRIFIED EYES!

ROBIN'S HELPLESS! HE'LL DROWN UNLESS I CAN FREE HIM FROM THOSE ROPES!

BUT THEN, AS AN IDEA COMES TO THE LAWMAN!

BARNACLES! THERE AREN'T MANY **SHARPER** THINGS IN THE WORLD! THEY'LL SLICE THIS ROPE IN TO ME!

IN A FEW MOMENTS, THE ROPE IS SEVERED, AND **BATMAN** HAULS **ROBIN** ONBOARD TO SAFETY.

THEY... THE CROOKS BEAT IT IN THEIR TRUCK, **BATMAN!** ALL THEY TOOK WAS OUR BIG NET. WONDER WHAT FOR? THEY CERTAINLY WEREN'T FISHERMEN!

THAT NET WAS TREMENDOUS. MMM...

SENDING **ROBIN** HOME TO RECUPERATE, **BATMAN** REPORTS BACK TO HEADQUARTERS WHERE...

WE'VE SENT OUT AN A.P.B. ON THAT TRUCK, **BATMAN.** MEANWHILE, I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU FROM ED STINSON. AS A RESULT OF THE TELECAST, TEN OF HIS EX-CONVICTS WERE HIRED TODAY!

WELL, THAT'S GOOD NEWS, ANYWAY!

I'VE GOT A THOUGHT ON THAT FISH-NET THEFT. WOULD YOU NOTIFY ALL PAINT STORES TO RECORD THE SALES OF ANY LARGE QUANTITY OF PAINT-- PARTICULARLY BROWN AND GREEN?

PAINT?? WHY SURE, **BATMAN**-- ANYTHING YOU SAY..

NEXT MORNING, AT THE OFFICES OF RALPH BELLOWS...

SO YOU'RE TOM BLICK-- THE MAN ED STINSON SENT US! WELL, BLICK-- IT'S UP TO YOU! PROVE YOUR ABILITY-- AND YOU CAN GO FAR WITH US!

THANKS, MR. BELLOWS-- FOR EVERYTHING!

AND AS DAYS PASS, AT A LARGE COUNTRY ESTATE...

ED STINSON RECOMMENDS YOU HIGHLY AS A GARDENER, MR. DENNIS-- SO I'M HIRING YOU. IS THAT A RABBIT'S FOOT YOU'RE RUBBING?

YES, MA'AM! THEY CALL ME LUCKY DENNIS. LONG AS THERE ARE NO BLACK CATS AROUND HERE, I'LL DO FINE!

AND AT THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE OF A LARGE FACTORY...

MY NAME IS HARRY WESTON-- FROM THE ED STINSON EMPLOYMENT AGENCY!

OH, YES, MR. WESTON-- WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU. YOU START YOUR NIGHT-WATCHMAN DUTIES TOMORROW AT 6 P.M.! REPORT TO THIS OFFICE!

THE GRAFF CO. -- APPLIANCE DIVISION

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

DAYS PASS, AND THE ED STINSON EXPERIMENT SEEMS TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS. BUT THEN-- A BOMBSHELL...

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MONEY STOLEN FROM RALPH BELLOWS CO. NEW EMPLOYEE DISAPPEARS, TOO

TOM BLICK

AND AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS..

THIS IS DISGRACEFUL! STINSON-- I HOLD YOU PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE! YOU'VE UNLEASHED A PACK OF CRIMINALS UPON THE PUBLIC!

BUT--MAYBE IT'S ALL A MISTAKE. I KNOW TOM BLICK! HE JUST WOULDN'T DO A THING LIKE THIS!

WED APR

BUT TWO DAYS LATER.

POLICE?? THIS IS MRS. CARRUTHERS, OF EAST HILL ROAD! I'VE BEEN ROBBED-- ALL MY JEWELS! MY GARDENER DID IT (SOB)! I GUESS YOU CAN'T CHANGE A LEOPARD'S SPOTS!

SOON AFTER.

I WENT TO BED AT MIDNIGHT-- EVERYTHING WAS FINE. THEN, THIS MORNING, I FIND-- **THIS!** MY JEWELS GONE-- AND MY **GARDENER,** TOO!

LUCKY DENNIS, YOU SAY? I REMEMBER HIM-- I HELPED SEND HIM TO PRISON...

APR 5

AND THAT NIGHT..

HERE'S A **NEWS FLASH!** POLICE REPORT A ROBBERY AT THE GRAFF COMPANY'S APPLIANCE DIVISION. PRIME SUSPECT IS A NIGHT WATCHMAN-- A RECENTLY-HIRED EX-CONVICT!

MEANWHILE, SOMEONE ELSE HEARS THE SAME NEWS BROADCAST--BUT CLOSER TO THE MOON MORE PLEASE!

THIS IS THE THIRD CRIME WAVE IN FOUR SESSIONS! THE MAJOR SUSPECT IS AN EX-CONVICT WHO GOT HIS JOB THROUGH THE EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT AGENCY...

POOR STASON! HA-HA! THE PAPERS WILL ROAST HIM GOOD!

MR. BELLOWS, I HAVE TO ADD IT TO YOU! EMBEZZLING MONEY FROM A BUSINESS THAT WAS ON ITS LAST LEGS-- THEN PINNING THE RAP ON A SUCKER!

I COULDN'T RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY STASON SET UP! AND I BRANCHED OUT, WITH A SMART GANG! VERY SIMPLE. PULL A JOB, KEEP THE EX-CONVICT IN HIDING-- AND EVERYBODY BLAMES *HIM!*

NOT EVERYBODY, MR BELLOWS! FOR, THE VERY NEXT EVENING

WHAT'S HAPPENING?? I WOULD HAVE STAKED MY LIFE ON THOSE EX-CONS, *BATMAN*-- I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

I DON'T BLAME YOU-- I CAN'T BELIEVE IT AT ALL! SOMEONE IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR CLIENTS!

FOR INSTANCE: IT'S HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT LUCKY DENNIS, SUPERSTITIOUS AS HE IS, WOULD HAVE PULLED A CRIME ON A *FRIDAY, THE 13TH!*

BUT BUT WHO WOULD DO A THING LIKE THIS?

THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO FIND OUT! RIGHT NOW THE *BAT-SIGNAL* IS CALLING US!

MOMENTS LATER IN FRONT OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THAT PAINT, *BATMAN*. THE BELL PAINT COMPANY RECEIVED A LARGE ORDER FOR *BROWN* AND *GREEN* PAINT LAST WEEK. AND HERE'S AN ODD ONE! IT WAS SHIPPED TO *RALPH BELLOWS!*

AHA! NOW WE'RE GETTING SOMEWHERE!

SOON AFTER, IN THE **BAT-CAVE**...

BUT WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT THE PAINT??

NO T ME TO EXPLAIN NOW. I'VE GOT TO SL P INTO A DSGUISE AND DELIVER SOME MORE PA NT TO RALPH BELLOWS. YOU FOLLOW IN THE **BATPLANE**--AND BE READY TO P.CK ME UP!

A FEW HOURS LATER, AS A DISGUISED **BATMAN** REACHES THE HOME OF RALPH BELLOWS...

RUSH ORDER OF PA NT?? AT TH S HOUR??

BELLOWS IS O.T. A PHONE CA.L ESTAB.ISHED THAT!

YES, S R! FROM THE BELL PA NT CO. APPARENTLY IT'S IMPORTANT, I WAS TOLD TO RUSH R.GHT OUT HERE!

THEN, AS **BATMAN** SHEDS H S DISGUISE AND IS P.CKED UP BY **ROBIN**...

IF MY RUSE WORKS, A CAR OLGHT TO LEAVE THAT HOUSE RIGHT AWAY. WE'LL FOLLOW IT-- AND MAYBE STRIKE PAYDIRT!

I DON'T GET IT! IF YOU TH NK BELLOWS IS YOUR MAN, WHY DON'T YOU ARREST H M?

WE NEED PROOF, **ROBIN**! **WAIT!** THERE'S A CAR NOW! ST CK WITH IT!

SOME TIME LATER...

WHY--THE CAR DROVE INTO THAT THICKET AND NEVER CAME OUT!

THAT'S NO THICKET, **ROBIN**! THAT'S **CAMOUFLAGE**--AS USED IN WARFARE! THE KIND YOU MAKE WITH LEAVES, BRANCHES, **LARGE NETS** AND **BROWN** AND **GREEN PAINT**!

AND AS THE LAWMEN SNOOP INTO THE CLEVERLY CONCEALED HIDEOUT..

THERE'S THE NET, **ROBIN**-- STOLEN FROM THE F SHING FLEET!

AND LOOK! A LOG CAB N! YOU'D NEVER KNOW IT, UNLESS YOU CAME UP REAL CLOSE!

A MOMENT LATER...

BATMAN!

IT WAS A LONG SHOT, GUESSING THAT THE FISH-NET WOULD BE USED FOR CAMOUFLAGE, AND IT FOLLOWED THAT PAINT WOULD BE NEEDED, TOO. BUT I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD LEAD ME TO **YOU!**

LOOK, **BATMAN!** THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO A MAN WHEN A **BUCK** GOES TO HIS **HEAD!**

THOSE HUNTING RIFLES! GOT TO STOP HIM!

SOME MORE CAMOUFLAGE, BELLOWS! WHY--ARE YOU SICK?? YOU'VE SUDDENLY TURNED **GREEN!**

AND SOON AFTER...

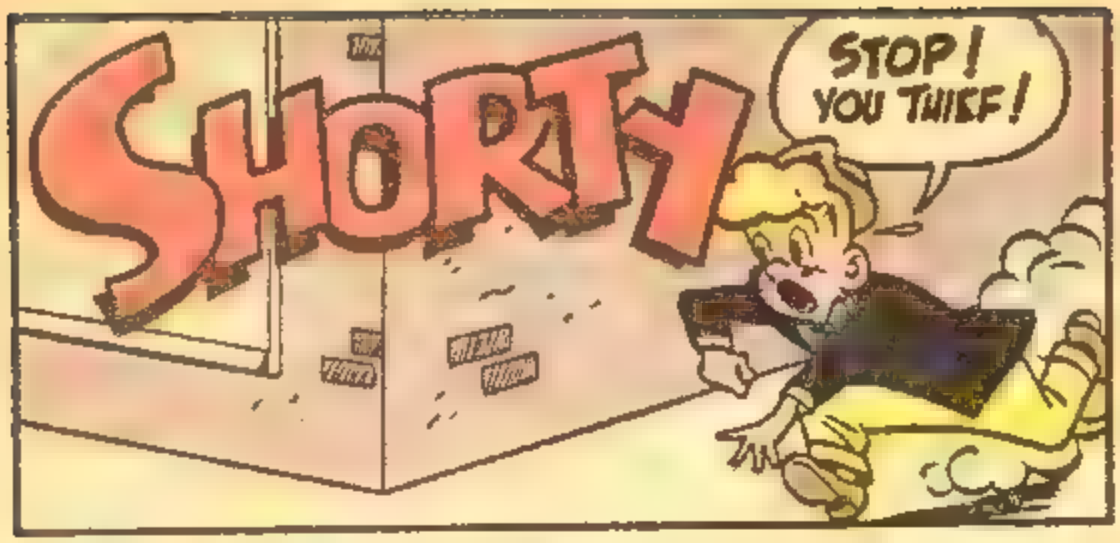
HERE, **ROBIN**-- TIE THEM UP WITH ROPES THAT BOUND THE CAPTIVES!

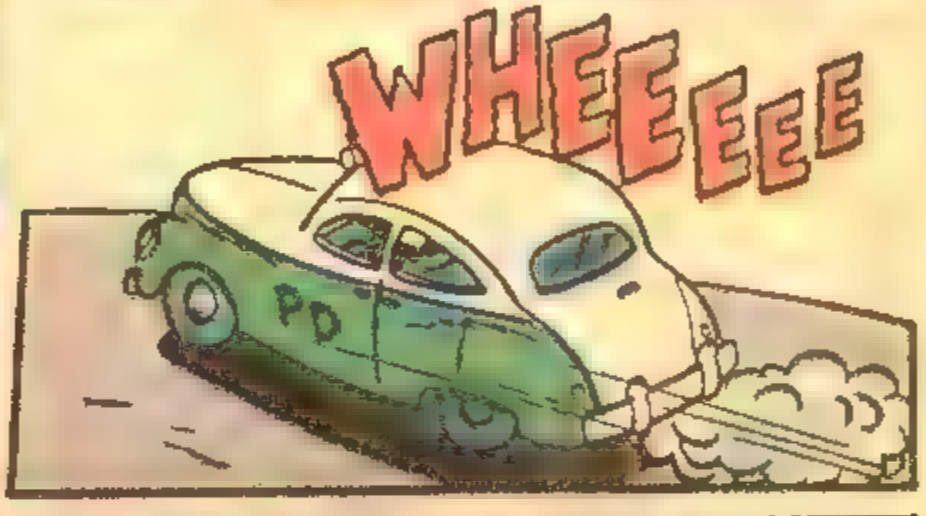
GOSH, **BATMAN** -- I NEVER THOUGHT THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN I'D BE SO HAPPY TO SEE **YOU!**

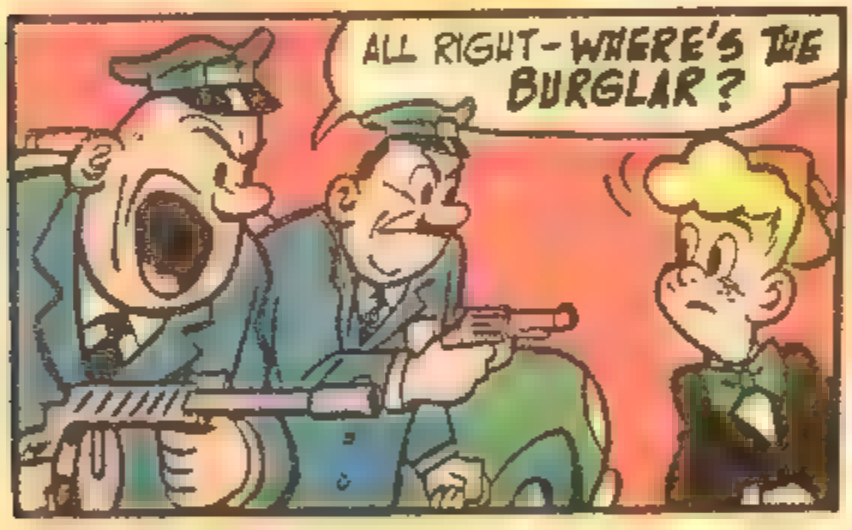
LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

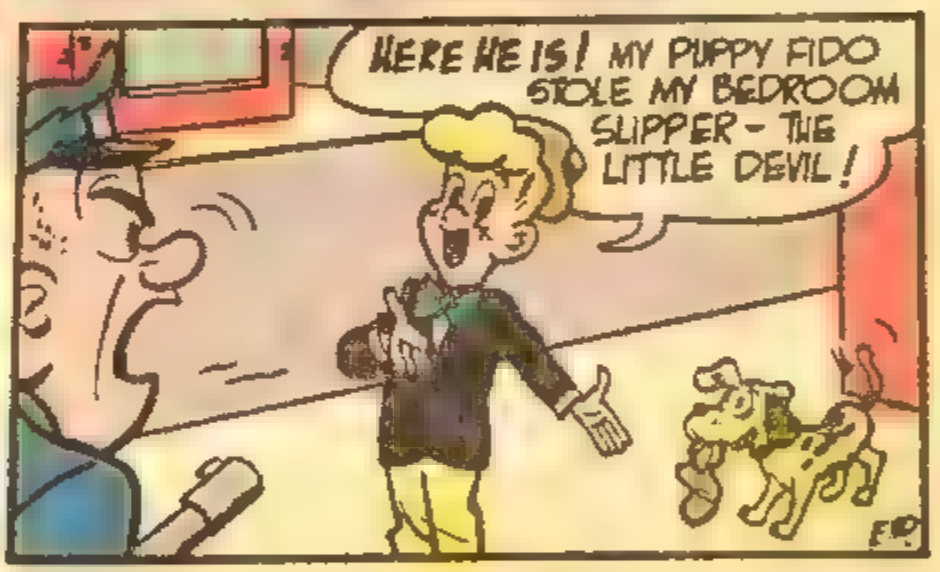
AND SO, KNOWING BELLOWS WASN'T HOME, I HOPED THE RUSH ORDER OF PAINT WOULD PANIC A HENCHMAN INTO RACING IT TO THE HIDEOUT. THE TRICK WORKED!

GOOD POLICE WORK, **BATMAN.** AS EVER, YOU REMAIN A MOST VALUABLE ADJUNCT TO OUR FORCE.. AND I'M SURE MR. STINSON HERE AGREES! YOU'VE PUT HIM BACK IN BUSINESS!









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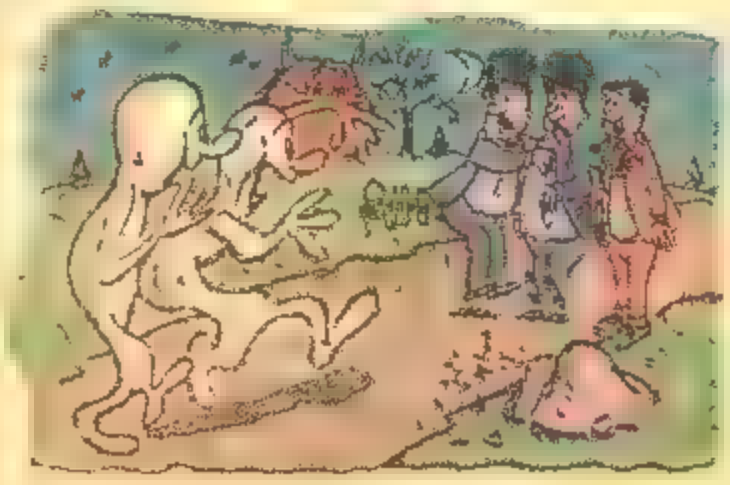

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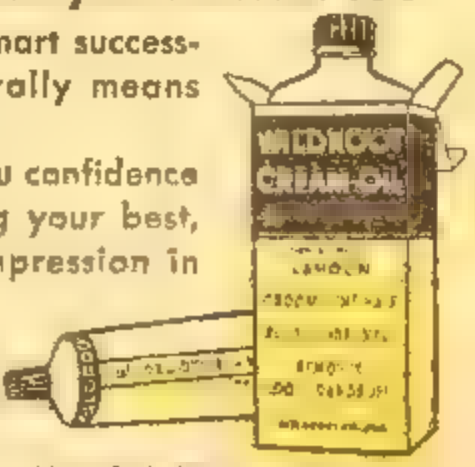

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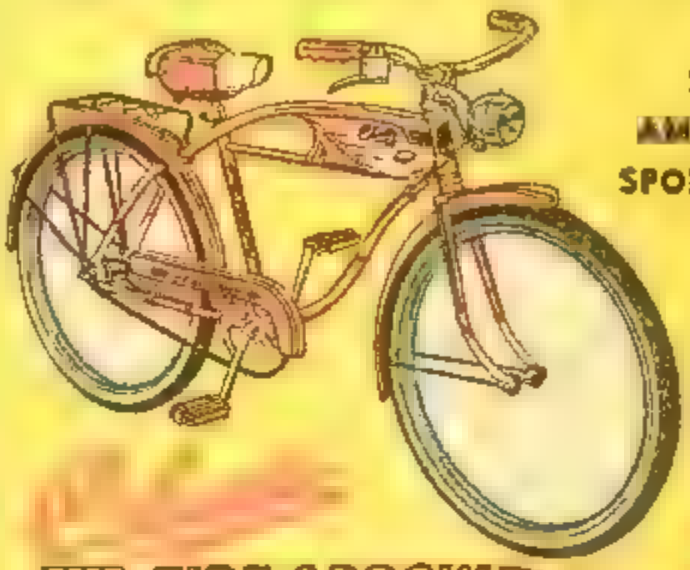

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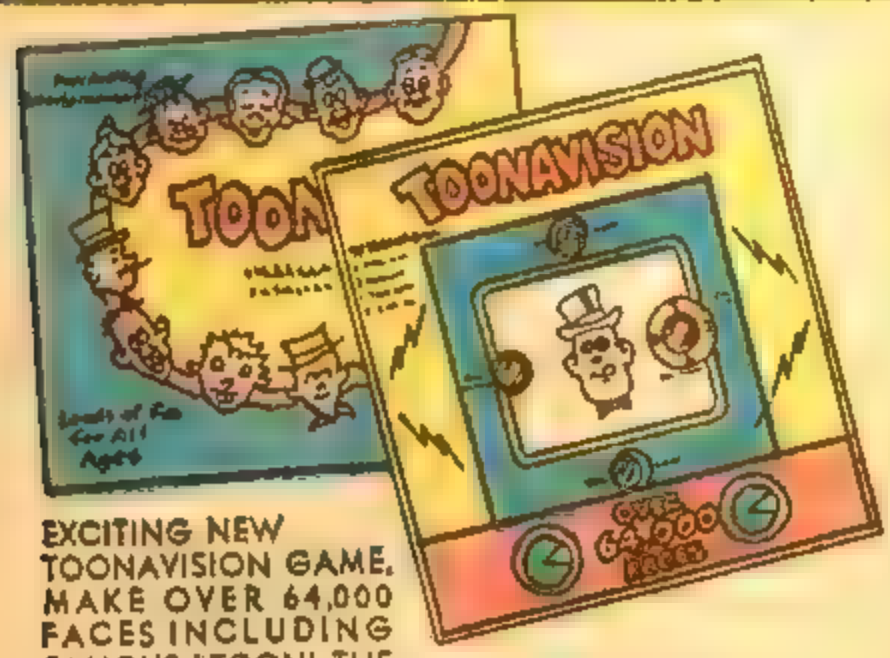

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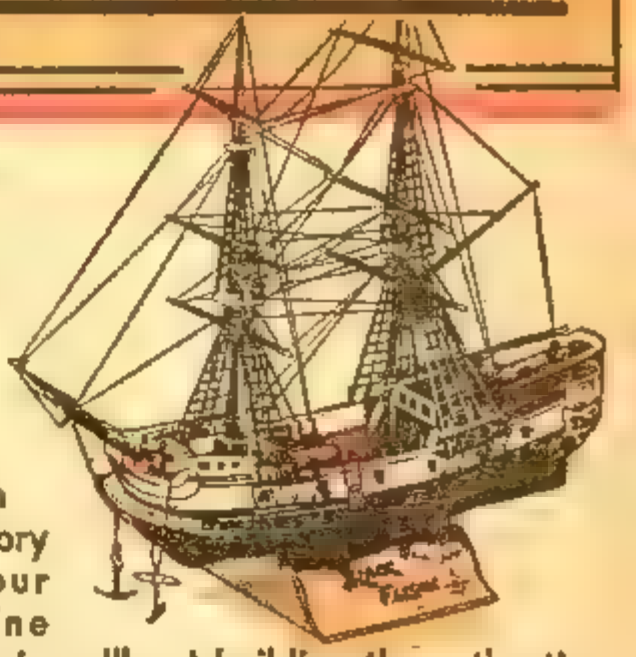

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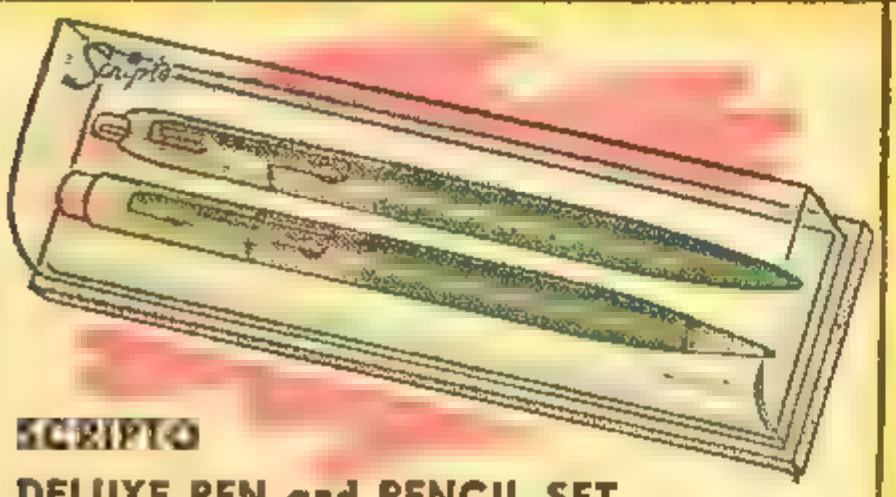

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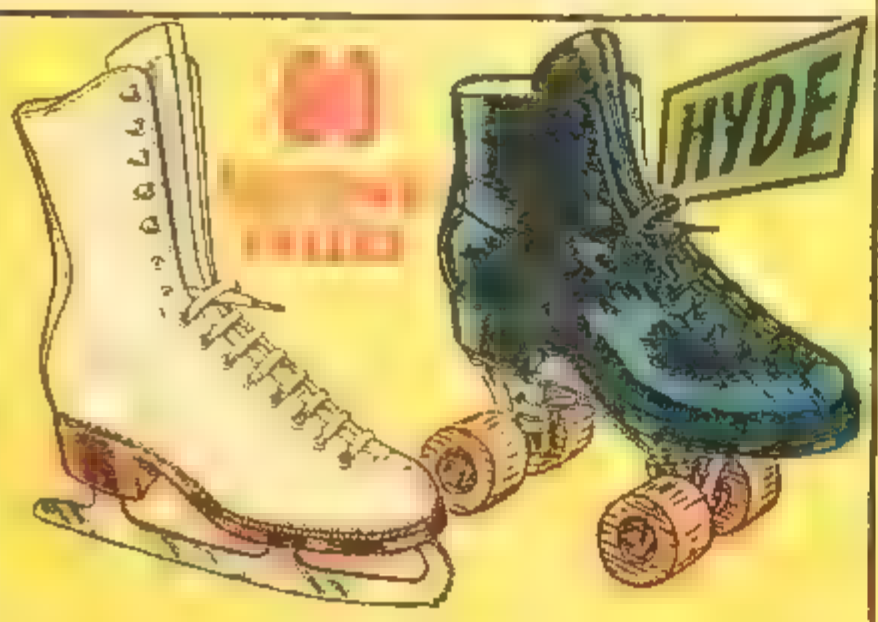

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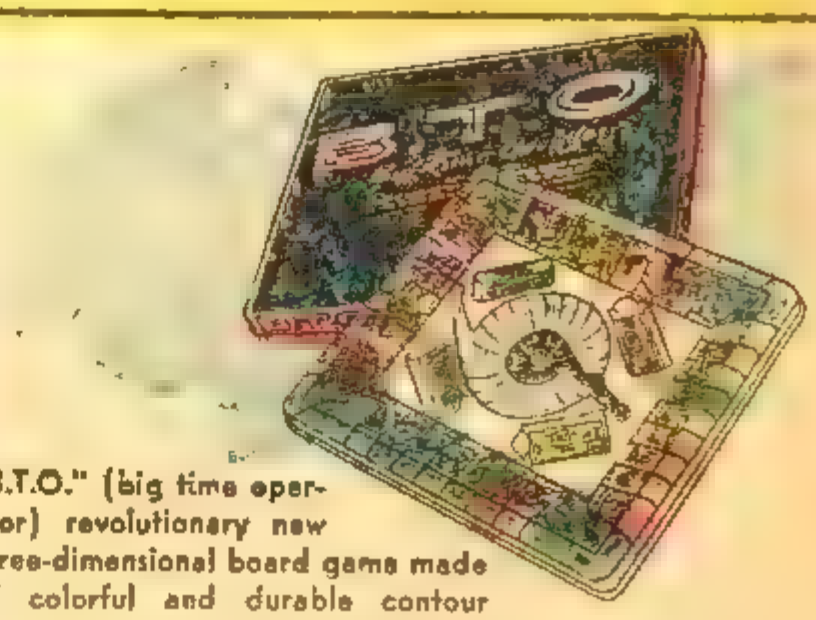

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TROUBLESHOOTERS IN UNIFORM

A New Type of Service Helps Owners To Burglar-Proof Their Properties

NOT long ago, two uniformed police officers stealthily moved into the alley adjoining a warehouse. One of them began to work on the frame of a cellar window.

The old wooden frame creaked noisily, its rotting wood giving way entirely next moment to slightly more pressure.

One of the policemen nodded with satisfaction to his partner. In a low whisper, he said, "This place is easy to break into!"

"Sure is," said the other.

The two men made no further attempt to break in, and left.

In a different city, more recently, a pair of uniformed sleuths clambered over several rooftops, slipped through a dozen supposedly-locked doors, and eventually found themselves in the reception office of a well-known wholesale jewelry firm.

The two police officers then combined their strength to force open a bolted door leading to the company's vault.

"Now all we have to do is break into the vault," said one; and the other agreed.

Who were these policemen?

Strage as it may seem, they were members of a new type of police service squad. This squad offers its expert help to owners of buildings who want to burglar-proof their properties.

The police officers place themselves in the identical position of burglars, and try to act exactly as burglars would in gaining access to a building.

In the first case, recounted above, the police had discovered that all of the window frames would have to be replaced if the warehouse owner wanted to make certain that he was leaving no welcome mats around for burglars.

In the second case, the police experts recommended a change of locks and the installation of a steel door leading to the vault.

The police troubleshooters probe for soft spots in the building or place of business. Some concerns are advised to change their locks, others to employ a night watchman, still others to seal off an entire entrance.

The policemen of this new type of squad, which exists in many large cities, and is fast spreading throughout the country, don't mind playing the roles of burglars as long as it cuts down actual burglaries. And you can be sure that it has!

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BOB KANE

EVENING--AND AT THE SITE OF A FAMED NATIONAL SHRINE OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY...

SO THIS IS WHERE BALDY GORE'S HIDING OUT, EH? NICE WORK, **BAT-HOUND!**

GR-R-R

OLD FORT DEVER

INSIDE, MINUTES LATER...

HUH--? BATMAN AND ROBIN!

MIND IF WE "DROP IN" ON YOU, BALDY?

BAT-HOUND GOT YOUR SCENT FROM THIS BANDANNA YOU DROPPED AT THAT BANK JOB, BALDY... THAT'S HOW WE TRACKED YOU DOWN HERE!

NO JAIL WILL HOLD ME, BATMAN! AND ONCE I'M LOOSE... LOOK OUT!

AFTERWARD, RETURNING TO THE SECRET BAT-CAVE, THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTERS RESUME THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

IT WAS A LUCKY BREAK WHEN JOHN WILKER WENT TO EUROPE AND LEFT ACE, HIS DOG, WITH US!

SURE WAS, BRUCE... ACE MAKES A GREAT BAT-HOUND!

BAT

BATMAN

ROBIN

SO LONG AS BAT-HOUND WEARS THIS MASK, NO ONE WILL KNOW HE'S THE SAME DOG PLACED IN OUR CARE!

BATMAN

ROBIN

THE DOG IS RAPIDLY FILLING THIS PRIVATE TROPHY CASE WE BUILT FOR HIM! THIS BANDANNA REPRESENTS THE FOURTH CRIME HE'S HELPED US SOLVE!

HE'S QUITE A DOG, ALL RIGHT!

BAT-HOUND

AT THAT MOMENT, IN HOLLYWOOD, OTHER PEOPLE ARE EXPRESSING THE SAME OPINION...

THIS BAT-HOUND IS SENSATIONAL, P.G.! LOOK AT THESE SHOTS OUR NEWSREEL CAMERAS GOT AT THE CIRCUS, THE DAY BATMAN AND THE POLICE WERE TIPPED OFF, IN ADVANCE, ABOUT AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY THERE!

SEE HOW THE DOG TRIPPED UP THOSE CROOKS SO **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** COULD DISARM THEM?

STOP THE MACHINE... I'VE SEEN ENOUGH! I MUST HAVE THIS DOG IN MY NEW PRODUCTION! WITH **BATMAN**, **ROBIN** AND **BAT-HOUND** IN ONE FILM, IT CAN'T FAIL!

I'LL SEND A TELEGRAM TONIGHT! YOU'RE A GENIUS, P.G.!

IT'S 48 HOURS LATER WHEN THREE FAMILIAR FIGURES ENTER THE WORLD OF CELLULOID MAKE-BELIEVE...

BUT WHEN THE BUSY LITTLE MAKEUP MAN ATTEMPTS TO DO HIS JOB...

I KNEW YOU'D AGREE TO THE FILM WHEN WE PROMISED THAT BIG DONATION TO CHARITY, **BATMAN!** I'M HAVING PERCY ELWIN, OUR TOP MAKEUP MAN, WORK ON **BAT-HOUND!**

THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME, IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH THE DOG!

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I HAVE JUST THE THING FOR THIS MAGNIFICENT BEAST... A **POODLE HAIRCUT!** JUST A LITTLE SNIP HERE AND... WHAT--? H-HE DOESN'T SEEM TO LIKE ME!

G-R-R-R

STOP! STOP! I WAS ONLY JOKING! HELP!

HA, HA... THEY'LL NEVER MAKE A LAP DOG OUT OF **BAT-HOUND!**

*BUT **BATMAN** WOULD HAVE LITTLE CAUSE TO LAUGH IF HE WITNESSED THIS SCENE TAKING PLACE BACK AT **GOTHAM PENITENTIARY**...*

IT'S BALDY GORE... HE PULLED THE FIRST ESCAPE HERE IN TEN YEARS!

EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

BATMAN

WHILE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN...

HA, HA... IT WAS A NIP AND TUCK ONE-TO-ONE SHOT, BUT I MADE IT! NOW TO DITCH THESE PERSON DUDS AND HEAD OUT TO HOLLYWOOD. I GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE THERE-- WITH **BATMAN!**

SO ONE WEEK LATER, AS WORK BEGINS ON THE FILM...

NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS FIRST SCENE, **BATMAN?**

YES... I SWIM OUT IN THE RIVER, WHERE I'M HIT BY A LOG! **BAT-HOUND** SEES MY DIFFICULTY AND RESCUES ME--RIGHT?

CORRECT! OF COURSE, THE LOG IS A **HOLLOW** ONE... IT CAN'T POSSIBLY HURT YOU! LET'S GET STARTED... WHERE'S THAT NEW PROPERTY MAN MIMS HIRED?

HERE I AM, SIR.. THE LOG'S IN THE TRUCK! I'LL GET IT..

STUDIO PROPERTY TRUCK

INSIDE THE TRUCK, HOWEVER, THE NEW PROPERTY MAN UNDERGOES A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION...

WHEW! IT'S HOT AS BLAZES HERE, AND THIS WIG DON'T HELP ANY! THERE'S THE LOG I PREPARED FOR THE NEXT SCENE...

ONLY IT'S NO **HOLLOW** LOG... IT MUST BE SO POUNDS! AND THEY CONNECTED IT TO **BATMAN'S** SCENE... LOOK OUT!

BUT AS THE CAMERAS START ROLLING, **BATMAN'S** SHARP EYE QUICKLY SPOTS SOMETHING AMISS...

HEY, THAT LOG IS RIDING TOO LOW TO BE HOLLOW! LOOK OUT, **BAT-HOUND!**

WHEW! MADE IT... BUT THE DOG COULDN'T DUCK IN TIME!

A POWERFUL OVERHAND STROKE BRINGS A SWIFT RESCUE...

THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL! WHAT DO YOU PEOPLE PUT IN YOUR HOLLOW LOGS--CEMENT?

THAT... ER... WASN'T THE PROP LOG, **BATMAN!** A REAL ONE MUST HAVE GOTTEN LOOSE UPSTREAM, AND-- UH-- NOBODY SPOTTED IT! SORRY...

WELL, I GUESS **BAT-HOUND** IS ALL RIGHT... BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM TO TAKE TO YOU, PROP MAN!

GUESS NOT... I'LL--ER--GET BACK TO WORK NOW!

GOTTA BEAT IT... THAT MUTT RECOGNIZES MY SCENT!

WHAT'S THE HURRY, PROP MAN? PLENTY OF TIME TILL THE NEXT SCENE! HERE, HAVE A CIGAR!

UGH!... I HATE CIGARS! I-- WAIT A MINUTE--ON SECOND THOUGHT, MAYBE I **WILL** HAVE ONE!

AND BALDY HAS GOOD REASON FOR CHANGING HIS MIND... **BAT-HOUND** "SAW" THROUGH MY DISGUISE BECAUSE HE KNOWS MY SCENT... BUT FROM HERE ON THE SMELL OF THIS CIGAR WILL COVER MY TRAIL!

SHORTLY, AS **BAT-HOUND** RECOVERS FROM THE BLOW AND THE FILM COMPANY GOES INTO ACT ON ONCE MORE..

YOU FELLOWS ALL SET FOR THE BIG FIRE SCENE?

SURE... ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT TILL THE SHIP'S FIRE STARTS, THEN PUT IT OUT WITH THE EXTINGUISHING POWDER FROM OUR UTILITY BELTS!

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE FINALLY MADE FRIENDS WITH **BAT-HOUND!**

YEAH... AND THAT'S QUITE A COMPLIMENT, 'CAUSE DOGS HAVE GOOD INSTINCTS ABOUT PEOPLE, YOU KNOW! HA, HA, HA!

POWERFUL LAMPS CREATE ARTIFICIAL "SUNLIGHT," AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** GO INTO THEIR REHEARSAL LINES...

:SNIFF-SNIFF: DO YOU SMELL SMOKE, **ROBIN?**

YES... WHAT'S CAUSING IT?

THERE'S A FIRE-- ON THE LOWER DECK!

ALL RIGHT, **ROBIN**-- NOW'S THE TIME TO FLING THE ANTI-FIRE POWDER! THAT'LL PUT IT OUT...

CHECK..

G-R-R-R-R

BUT ONE DELIGHTED ONLOOKER HAS OTHER IDEAS...

HA, HA... THEY'RE FINISHED-- AND THEY'LL NEVER KNOW IT WAS ME WHO SWITCHED THE POWDER IN THEIR BELTS!

SURE ENOUGH, AS THE PAIR ATTEMPTS TO DOUSE THE BLAZE..

SOMETHING'S WRONG! THIS POWDER ISN'T AN EXTINGUISHER-- IT'S AN INFLAMMABLE! WE'RE TRAPPED!

NOT YET, **ROBIN**... THAT ROPE MAY BE OUR LIFELINE!

QUICKLY, **BATMAN** TIES ROPE TO LIFE PRESERVER, AND...

IF I CAN HOOK THE LINE ONTO THAT CAMERA, WE'LL BE ABLE TO SWING OUR WAY OUT OF THIS!

GOT YOU, **BATMAN**...

WITH UNERRING SKILL, HE HOOKS THE CAMERA-- AND IN THE NEXT INSTANT...

LOOK OUT BELOW!

WE'RE COMING IN FOR A LANDING!

AN EXECTED PRODUCER IS ON HAND TO GREET THE TERRIFIC TRIO...

GOOD... BUT I'D GIVE A LOT TO KNOW WHO SWITCHED THE CHEMICALS IN OUR BELTS!

SENSATIONAL! SUPER-COLOSSAL! IT WAS BETTER THAN THE SCRIPT. WE FILMED EVERY FOOT OF IT!

A QUESTION YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT ASIDE, **BATMAN**--FOR THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

NOW DO IT JUST AS WE PRACTICED, **ROBIN**... THE SPACE BETWEEN EACH BRICK IS YOUR TOEHOLD!

OKAY, **BATMAN**--LET'S START CLIMBING..

BAT-HOUND, MEANWHILE, HAS EMBARKED ON A JOB OF HIS OWN.

THE MINUTE THEY HIT THOSE LOOSE BRICKS I SET UP, THEY'LL... HEY! THAT HOUND AGAIN! WHERE'S MY CIGAR? WHERE'S IT?

ROWF! ROWF!

BATMAN! DID YOU HEAR THAT? **BAT-HOUND** IS SIGNALLING US! WHAT CAN HE WANT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT'S A GOOD THING HE BARKED! HIS WARNING KEPT ME FROM GRABBING THIS BRICK--WHICH JUST FELL RIGHT OUT!

RUFF! RUFF!

WITH THIS THREAT, THE ACROBATIC CRIME-CRUSHERS BALKED, RETURNING TO THE GROUND BELOW..

THERE'S BEEN TROUBLE HERE SINCE THIS FILM STARTED... IT'S TIME WE BROKE IT UP!

RIGHT, **ROBIN**--BEFORE IT BREAKS **US** UP!

LOOK! UNDER THAT PHONY HEAD OF HAIR.. BALDY GORE!

BAT-HOUND SPOTTED HIM! GOOD DOG!

GRRR RRR

THE CHASE LEADS TO ANOTHER STUDIO SET, WHERE...

ALL RIGHT, **BATMAN**, STAY WHERE YOU ARE OR I'LL VENTILATE YOU!

GUESS YOU'VE GOT THE DROP ON US, BALDY...

... FOR THE TIME BEING, THAT IS!

UGH!

ABRUPTLY, FROM THE EYES OF THE GREAT ROBOT...

THAT LIGHT... I CAN'T SEE! I'M LOSING MY BALANCE! AH-H-H-H...

IN FULL FLIGHT, THE GANGSTER SCRAMBLES UP THE SIDE OF THE GREAT ROBOT...

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER, **BATMAN!** YOU'VE RUN OUT OF TRICKS, BUT I'VE STILL GOT A LOAD OF BULLETS!

HMM-- HE'S RIGHT, UNLESS...

IF THIS CONTROL BOX IS WORKING, WE'LL BE OKAY...

EYE LIGHTS

AND SO, WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE...

BALDY GORE, EH? THERE'S A GENERAL ALARM OUT FOR THIS MAN! THEY'RE JUST GONNA LOCK HIM UP AND THROW AWAY THE KEY!

AND WE WON'T DO A THING TO STOP THEM, OFFICER!

JUST THEN...

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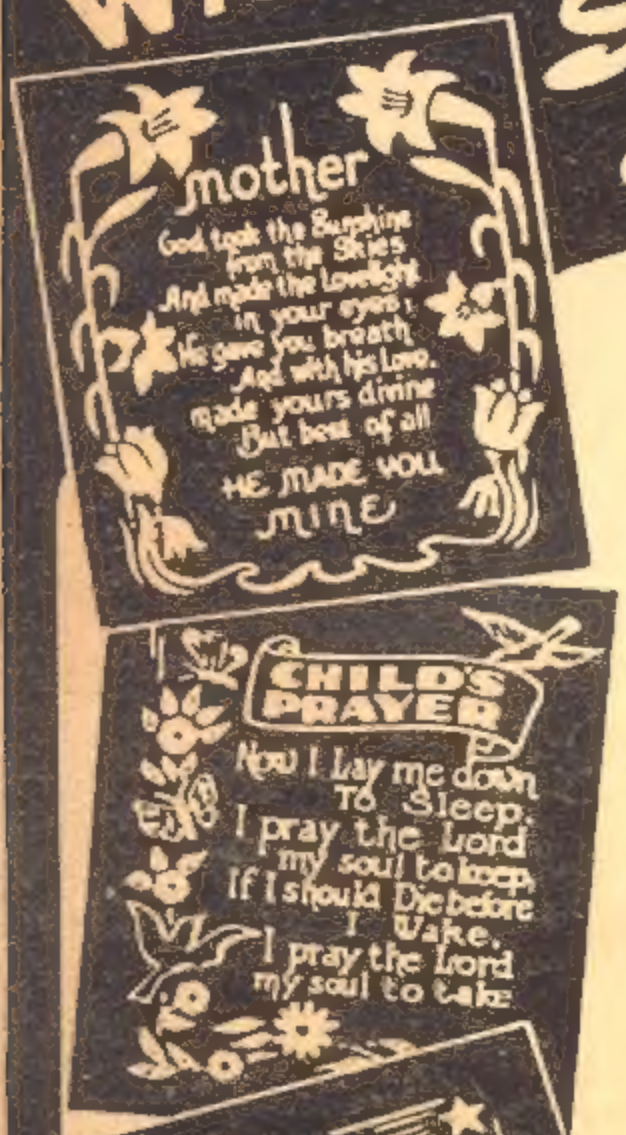

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